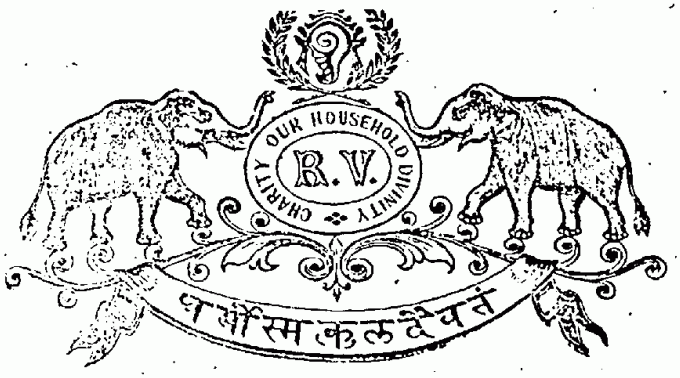

Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 3 P. M. on Saturday the 11th March 1893.

PRESENT:—

The Dewan.....*Presiding.*
M. R. Ry. K. Krishnaswami Row Avargal.
Mr. F. Watts.
M. R. Ry. V. Nagam Aiyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillay Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Madhavan Thambi Avargal.

The Revenue Recovery Bill.
The Forest Bill.
The Suits' Valuation Bill.
The Estates' Rent Recovery

The Secretary reported that the Bills marginally named received the Royal Assent on the 19th January 1893 and became law as Regulations I, II, III and IV of 1068 respectively. He also presented the following papers. As copies of the same were previously furnished to the members, they were taken as read:—

(1) A Bill to empower officers conducting preliminary or final departmental enquiries into the conduct of public servants to summon witnesses and administer oaths, received from Mr. Krishnaswami Row.

(2) A letter proposing some amendments to the Rules passed under Regulation II of 1063, received also from Mr. Krishnaswami Row.

Mr. Thanu Pillay moved that the Towns' Improvement Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration, and added that though, owing to Mr. Rama Iyer's absence from Travancore, the Report of the Committee does not bear his signature, he was present at the deliberations of the Committee and assented to all that is stated in the Report.

Mr. Madhavan Thambi seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillay moved, with the permission of the President, the omission of the words "or Tahsildars of the Taluq" in line 9, clause 7 of section 17.

Mr. Krishnaswami Row seconded the motion.

Carried.

The President observed that the words "details of the estimate" in lines 4 and 5, clause 5 of the above Section, may not be understood as including the materials to be employed in the construction, and suggested that this should be expressly stated. Many of the members were, however, of opinion that the clause, as it stood, would

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certainly include the materials to be employed, and it was resolved that no alteration be made but that the said opinion should be recorded in the Proceedings to clear any doubt that may arise in regard to the intention of the Legislature.

Mr Thanu Pillay moved the insertion of a new clause between clauses 6 and 7 of the above Section :—

"(b) If, during the progress of the work, the Committee find that it cannot be completed within the amount of the estimate mentioned in clauses 5 and 6 of this Section, they shall cause a supplemental estimate to be prepared and serve a copy thereof on the owner of the building in the manner aforesaid and follow, in respect thereof, all the procedure prescribed for the original estimate."

Mr. Madhavan Thamby seconded the motion.

Carried.

As a result of the above motion, the words 'or estimates' were added after the word 'estimate' in line 2 of clause 7.

The further consideration of the Bill was postponed till Thursday the

14th April 1893.
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Mr. Krishnaswami Row asked for permission to introduce a Bill to enable public officers to summon witnesses in departmental enquiries.

Permission having been granted, Mr. Krishnaswami Row introduced the Bill. It was resolved that the principle of the Bill be discussed at the next ordinary meeting of the Council and its publication suspended till then.

Mr. Krishnaswami Row moved that the following be added to para 25 of the rules passed under Regulation II of 1063:—

"Select Committees may examine any gentleman possessing special knowledge and experience on the subject under their consideration with a view to ascertain his opinion thereon."

Mr. Thanu Pillay seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswami Row also moved that the following Rule be inserted next after Rule 45.

"Officers charged with the working of Regulations now in force shall be requested to communicate to the Secretary the defects they may discover in them and to make such suggestions as they may deem proper for remedying them.

"The defects brought to notice and suggestions made for amendments, either by officers of Government or by private gentlemen, shall be entered in a book to be kept for the purpose. A few pages in the book shall be separately allotted to each Regulation, and the entries relative to such Regulation shall be made on such pages.

"A week before the first meeting of the Council in each year, an extract from the book kept under the second para of this rule shall be sent to all the members of the Council, provided that, unless the President otherwise directs, no such extract shall be sent to the members in cases of those Regulations whose operation has not disclosed more than three defects. At the first meeting of the Council, it shall be competent to the members to make any motion with special reference to the matters contained in the extracts supplied to them."

In the course of the discussion which ensued, the President and some of the members were of opinion that it did not fall within the province of the Legislative Council to call for reports on the working of laws already passed, but that it formed part of the functions of Government to watch the working of those laws and to move the Council to make any amendments that may be found necessary, supplying them with the necessary information. On the Dewan promising to call for such reports with a view to bringing defects to the notice of the Council for correction, the proposed rule was dropped.

SHUNGRASOOBYER,
President.

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